

**MNO Arlington South
Harrison Elementary
November 29, 2006
Resident Questions**

Resident #1

What can the City do to reduce speeding on Walnut Grove?

The Public Works Department has requested speed enforcement by the Riverside Police Department (RPD) and also has requested monitoring Walnut Grove with the radar speed trailer to advise motorists of their speeds. The RPD Traffic Division has scheduled enforcement times to this area. The Police will report back to the Public Works Department if any unusual conditions warrant further investigation. Additionally, residents who attended Mayor's Night Out were provided with the RPD's Traffic Division number and encouraged to call if the problem reoccurs.

Resident #2

Is the City planning on extending the sidewalks on the Van Buren overpass on SR 91?

The City is planning to construct 5' wide sidewalks on Van Buren along both sides of the SR91 freeway overpass. Additionally, there will be an 8' bike lane further separating vehicles from pedestrians.

Resident #3

What can the City do to reduce the number of speeders on Glenbrook St.?

The Public Works Department has requested speed enforcement by the Riverside Police Department (RPD) and also has requested monitoring Glenbrook St. with the radar speed trailer to advise motorists of their speeds. The RPD Traffic Division has scheduled enforcement times to this area. The Police will report back to the Public Works Department if any unusual conditions warrant further investigation. Additionally, residents who attended Mayor's Night Out were provided with the RPD's Traffic Division number and encouraged to call if the problem reoccurs.

Resident #4

Because of a recent vehicle accident, a stop/street sign needs to be replaced on Calle Sallito; can the City please replace this sign?

A work order was submitted the day after Mayor's Night Out Arlington South (November 30th) to inspect and replace the damaged street sign. A new street sign is now installed at the corner of Calle Sallito.

Resident #5

What can the City do regarding the potholes on Tyler and Indiana? Recent construction filled the previous potholes but in less than 3 months there are potholes on the streets again.

The area in question has been reviewed and several repairs have been completed. The Public Works Streets Division will continue to monitor this area.

Resident #6

What can the City do to change the timing on the traffic signal on Indiana and Tyler (primarily the southbound Tyler left turn signal at Indiana)? This intersection generates significant traffic congestion.

The City of Riverside is working closely with Caltrans to monitor and adjust the signal timings on Tyler in the vicinity of Indiana and the 91 Freeway. The signals are coordinated to work together to try to best facilitate the traffic flow at these 3 intersections. However, there are 110 trains daily that interrupt the signal timing because the traffic Northbound on Tyler must get a green light to "clear the tracks" and that does have a negative effect on these 3 intersections as all directions must be red to allow this Northbound phase to be green. This will happen 4-7 times an hour and create some backup when it occurs. The City is also exploring installing cameras to monitor and adjust the intersection from the new Traffic Management Center being built. It is anticipated this will be in place by Spring of 2007 to further assist with relieving congestion at this intersection.

Resident #7

Can the City inspect and/or remove the palm trees in our neighborhood; specifically on Butterfield Road?

The Public Work's Urban Forestry Division has scheduled an inspection to determine if the palm trees on Butterfield Road require maintenance or if removal is necessary.

Resident #8

What is the City doing to increase police response times? Several times, I called the police dispatch line and was informed that all patrols were handling calls.

The department's goal is to respond to priority one calls (emergencies) within seven minutes. Lower priority calls are prioritized and handled as units become available. The department is aggressively working to fill vacant positions, which will provide more units on the street and reduce response times.

Resident #9

Is there an increase in the number of cars being stolen from the Arlington South Neighborhood or from around the City and being abandoned in our neighborhood? If so, what is the City doing to reduce such incidents?

Citywide the number of auto thefts has decreased during the last year by 14.63 %. During the last 90 days there has been nine auto thefts in the Arlington South neighborhood. Eight of the nine have been in and around the apartment complex at Van Buren and Rudicill and the shopping center at Van Buren and Lincoln. Patrol Officers working the area have been advised and asked to increase patrols in the area.

Resident #10

What can the City do to remove the inoperable/abandoned vehicles along Harrison St.?

In response to concerns mentioned at the Mayor's Night Out meeting of November 29, a proactive Code Enforcement effort was conducted to address inoperable vehicles stored on driveways and on the public streets. All of the streets between Walnut Grove and Bella Vista were investigated. This area includes the streets of Walnut Grove, Woodhaven, Winifred, Flora Vista, Piper and Bella Vista. Other streets that were checked are Glenbrook and Harrison from Indiana to Bella Vista.

As a result of the effort, nineteen notices were issued for inoperable vehicles stored on driveways in public view. Also, four vehicles in the street were marked for possibly being in violation of parking in the same location for more than 72 hours. Code Enforcement will conduct follow-up efforts on all twenty-three notices that were issued.

Resident #11

What is the City planning to build on Victoria and Cross?

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department owns the property on the northwesterly corner of Victoria and Cross streets and plans to build a neighborhood park at that location. The Master Plan was approved back in the early 90s, but insufficient funding was available to construct the site. The Parks and Recreation Department presently do not have any identified funding for constructing this site.

Resident #12

What is the status of the California Square project? Please include information on the Maxi Food Grocery Store and the Channel adjacent to the center.

On November 7, 2006, the City Council and Redevelopment Agency jointly approved an agreement with California Square Partners ("Developer") for redevelopment of California Square. The project consists of an expanded retail center, including realignment and new construction of the in-line tenant space, new retail space fronting the Maxi store, relocation of Dairy Queen into new in-line space, and expansion and rehabilitation of the Maxi Foods market. The corner parcel at Monroe and California is reserved for future retail such as a pharmacy. The Developer expects to begin grading and site work Spring 2007.

The Monroe Canal Improvements Project, funded by the Redevelopment Agency has been scheduled to begin construction on Monday, November 27, 2006. The Project includes construction of a box culvert and closure of the canal, commencing from the rear property line of California Square on Monroe St., extending north to the California/Monroe intersection, and northwest into the corner park. Monroe will be widened at the intersection to provide north- and south-bound right-turn lanes onto California Avenue, the west side of Monroe will be landscaped and irrigated, and overhead utilities along California fronting California Square will be moved underground.

Resident #13

What is the City policy on business requirements for posting their addresses in a clear and visible location? Many times drivers have difficulty locating a business which slows down traffic and may also be the cause of a percentage of vehicle accidents.

The City of Riverside has adopted the California Fire Code. Section 901.4.4 of the Code requires new and existing buildings to have numbers plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.

Additionally, Section 16.24.020 of the Municipal Code requires all houses and buildings situated on premises fronting any street to include the street number on the street front. Section 16.24.030 requires the number be of such size and type and be so placed as to be easily visible and legible from the center of the street and be not less than 2.5 or 3.5 inches, depending on the type of lettering. Both ordinances are posted on the City of Riverside's website at http://www.riversideca.gov/municipal_code.

Under the Municipal Code, the principal enforcement authority rests with Code Enforcement. Fire inspectors assigned to the Fire Prevention Division enforce the Fire Code provision when making an inspection.